

The marks used in Peruvian Guano to designate its quality, are made to represent the per centage of Ammonia the particular lot is capable of producing, and are as follows:

All Guano marked "Peruvian" letter A, contains ammonia and its elements equal to from 15 to 18 per cent.

All Guano marked "Peruvian" letter B, contains ammonia and its elements equal to from 12½ to 15 per cent.

All Guano marked "Peruvian" letter C, contains ammonia and its elements equal to from 10 to 12½ per cent.

All Guano marked "Peruvian" letter D, contains ammonia and its elements equal to from 7 to 10 per cent.

Quantity and quality of Peruvian Guano inspected since March 1st, 1856, embracing a period of nearly two years, and which may be fairly taken to represent the two years ending February 28th, 1858, as there have been no arrivals since December, 1857, and in all probability will be none in February:

Inspected Peruvian Guano since March 1st, 1856:

Quality	A.	B.	C.	D.
Quantity	52,668 tons.	none.	none.	1,026 tons.

## 2. AFRICAN GUANO.

Very little of this variety of Guano has been imported into our State. It is valuable for its ammonia and phosphoric acid—the former of which exists in small quantities, and the latter not sufficiently large to make it desirable for the agricultural public. Two lots only have been received here from Saldanaha bay, and were classified as "African Guano" A., the mark representing 2 per cent. of ammonia and phosphoric acid, equal to 35 per cent. of bone phosphate of lime. Of this variety there has been inspected since March 1st, 1856, 26 tons.

## 3. PHOSPHATIC GUANO.

This Guano is valuable for the phosphoric acid it contains, and its combination. It is imported from numerous islands in the Carribean sea, and varies very much in condition, physical appearance and quality. It has been classified under the following names, and separate tables have been arranged with the marks to indicate the quality of each. This table is so constructed, that the purchaser may readily ascertain its commercial value, as compared with bone phosphate of lime, estimating the phosphoric acid as equal to the per centum of that combination of lime and phosphoric acid, as indicated by the letter in the table.